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2017 Annual Water Quality Report

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Water Quality Report is now available.
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about the sources and quality
of your drinking water.

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GET THE BALLOT, FILL IT OUT, MAIL IT IN!

VOTER PACKETS MAILED TO CITY REGISTERED VOTERS

The City's Vote-By-Mail General Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, November 7. The official ballots, with prepaid postage return envelopes and the Voter Information Pamphlets, have been mailed to all City registered voters. Voters are encouraged to return their ballots early by mail in the prepaid postage envelope or deliver the completed ballot to the City Clerk's Office at 735 Anacapa Street, during regular business hours. Ballots must be postmarked or received in person by the City Clerk's Office no later than 8 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, November 7. City Clerk's Office personnel are available to assist voters with disabilities to mark their ballots during regular business hours.

For more election-related information, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 564-5309, or visit **SBCityVote.org**. Check out our Election PSA, "Get the Ballot, Fill it out, Mail it in" on the Elections website!





¡OBTENGA LA BOLETA ELECTORAL, COMPLÉTELA, DEVUÉLVALA POR CORREO!

PAQUETE ELECTORAL ENVIADO POR CORREO A LOS VOTANTES REGISTRADOS DE LA CIUDAD

La Elección Municipal General de la Ciudad, Elección con Boleta por Correo Exclusivamente, se realizará el martes, 7 de noviembre. La boleta electoral oficial, el sobre para el remitente con franqueo postal prepago, y el panfleto de información para el Elector, han sido enviados por correo a todos los votantes registrados de la ciudad. Alentamos a los votantes a enviar sus boletas electorales prontamente por correo, en el sobre con franqueo postal prepago o entregue su boleta electoral completa en la Oficina de la Secretaría Municipal en 735 Anacapa Street, durante el horario laboral habitual. Las Boletas Electorales deben estar selladas o deben ser recibidas en persona en la Oficina de la Secretaría de la Ciudad, no después de las 8 p.m. del día de la Elección, martes, 7 de noviembre. El personal de la Oficina de la Secretaría de la Ciudad está disponible para ayudar a los votantes con discapacidades a marcar sus boletas electorales durante el horario laboral habitual.

Para mayor información relacionada con la elección, por favor comuníquese con la Oficina de la Secretaría de la Ciudad al 564-5309, o visite **SBCityVote.org**. ¡Consulte nuestro comunicado de interés público (PSA siglas en inglés) Electoral, "Obtenga la boleta electoral, complétela, devuélvala por correo" en el sitio web de las Elecciones!

POWER OUTAGES MAY CAUSE AN INCREASE IN SPRINKLER WATER USAGE



Native plants add color to your garden and require minimal maintenance and watering.

Have you experienced a recent power outage? Power outages can affect more than just your alarm clock settings. If your sprinkler timer's back-up battery is missing or dead, you may lose all of your program settings and the default settings on your timer will become active. Default settings water every station, every start time, every day for 10 minutes at midnight. This may result in double the water usage and increased water bills.

Make sure to check the settings on your sprinkler

timer after a power outage. You may need to reprogram the timer and put in a fresh back-up battery. Changing the battery in your sprinkler timer every year, when changing your smoke alarm battery, can save you thousands of gallons of water.

For more information on how to program your sprinkler timer, visit **SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Irrigation** or call 564-5460.

WINTER SAFETY TIPS:

As temperatures drop this winter, stay safe by following a few simple tasks.

- Space Heaters Remember the three feet rule. If you are using a space heater, place
 it on a level, hard surface and keep anything flammable at least three feet away things
 such as paper, clothing, bedding, curtains or rugs. Note, don't fall asleep with the space
 heater on; use extra blankets to keep you warm. Space heaters need to be supervised.
- Fire Places Don't catch fire! If you are using a fireplace, use a glass or metal fire screen
 large enough to catch sparks and rolling logs. Make sure fireplace embers are completely
 out before leaving the room or going to bed.
- The kitchen is for cooking. Never use a stove or oven to heat your home.
- Candles Consider alternatives. Candles in the wintertime are decorative and can give
 a nice atmosphere to a home. Instead consider using flameless LED candles. They are
 sold in a variety of sizes at your local hardware store.

This winter be safe by preparing now for the colder weather. For more information contact the City's Office of Emergency Services at 564-5711.

NEW ILLEGAL DUMPING PHONE NUMBER



Report illegal dumping.

In order to streamline the way we receive and respond to illegal dumping calls, you should now call Marborg at 963-1852 to report any items you see on our streets. However, if you witness a dumping incident, contact our Code Enforcement Officer at 564-5686 to report specific details of the person, vehicle, and/or address associated with the dumping.

New Number Alert
Illegal Dumping Hotline: 963-1852

SANTA BARBARA READS ON NOVEMBER 1

Santa Barbara Public Library invites the entire community to read the same book, November 1 through December 5 for Santa Barbara Reads. This year's selection is Station Eleven by Emily St. John Mandel. Get a free book at the Central Library on November 1, from 5-7 pm.





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